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PROGRESS REPORTED IN RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

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Party and State organizations are cooperating whole-heartedly in a program to rebuild the kolkhoses and sovkhoses which were damaged by the German occupation. In the 3 years following the surrender more than 400,000 homes and many communal buildings, clubs, hospitals, and rest homes have been resurrected from the ashes and debris. Plans in 1949 call for the rebuilding of 125,000 homes. Some innovations in Kirov Oblast include two-story buildings with modern plumbing as well as mechanized laundries. Many villages are installing water and sewer systems, planning parks, and planting trees.

The Central Scientific Research Sanitation Institute imeni Kriaman is cooperating in this reconstruction program by making periodic tours to determine the sanitary conditions of newly constructed farms. In addition, workers of various local health agencies are lending a very helpful hand in the reconstruction program. It is hoped, however, that in the future scientific and research organizations in the field of rural sanitation will give more help to the rebuilders of Soviet agricultural economy.

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